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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, ELAB, AC, US

SUBJECT: SPACE RESEARCH CORPORATION (SRC)

REF: A) BRIDGETOWN 0210, B) BRIDGETOWN 0144

1. ON JANUARY 25 EMBASSY CALLED BY OFFICIAL OF THE SPACE RESEARCH CORPORATION (SRC) IN VERMONT WHO ADVISED THAT THE PORT COMMANDER AT CAPE CANAVERAL, FLORIDA HAD RECEIVED ORDERS RESTRAINING HIM FROM EMBARKING JANUARY 26 SIX CONTAINERS DESTINED FOR SRC IN ANTIGUA. ACCORDING TO SRC THE SHIPMENT WOULD HAVE ARRIVED IN ANTIGUA FEBRUARY 4 AND BE USED IN AN UPCOMING TEST IN TWO TO FOUR WEEKS TIME FOR THE U.S. ARMY. IT WAS PLANNED THAT THE SHIPMENT WOULD BE UNLOADED AT CRABBES PENINSULA IN ANTIGUA BY SRC PERSONNEL THUS AVOIDING BOYCOTT DECLARED AGAINST SRC BY ANTIGUA WORKERS' UNION AND PROBABLE CONFRONTATION SHOULD SRC CARGO BE UNLOADED IN ST. JOHN'S. SRC ASKED THAT EMBASSY SEND CABLE INDICATING WE HAD NO OBJECTION TO SRC USING CRABBES PENINSULA AND SRC PERSONNEL TO OFFLOAD SRC CARGO.

2. GIVEN THE HIGH SENSITIVITY OF THE CHARGES BY ANTIGUA WORKERS UNION THAT SECRET SHIPMENTS OF WAR MATERIALS BEING MADE BY SRC TO SOUTH AFRICA VIA ANTIGUA I CONSIDER IT PRUDENT TO UNDERSTAND MORE FULLY HOW IT IS THAT SRC  
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(WHICH I UNDERSTAND IS A CANADIAN COMPANY) IS UTILIZING U.S. MILITARY CHARTER VESSEL. VESSEL, THE STAR TREK, MAKES SCHEDULED RUNS TO SUPPLY U.S. NAVAL FACILITIES IN ANTIGUA AND BARBADOS. IF DEPARTMENT HAS APPROVED USE BY SRC OF SUCH TRANSPORT AND CARGO IS CLEARLY FOR SRC PROGRAM THEN WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SAY SO TO UNION.

3. EMBASSY HAS ALSO RECEIVED CALL FROM DEPUTY  
PRIME MINISTER BIRD OF ANTIGUA WHO COMPLAINED ABOUT WHAT  
HE CONSIDERS UNJUSTIFIED UNILATERAL ACTION BY USG.  
HE SAID THE SHIPMENT WAS FULLY AUTHORIZED BY THE  
ANTIGUAN GOVERNMENT AND THE ANTIGUA WORKERS UNION  
EMBARGO IS ILLEGAL. IN POINT OF FACT THE AWU ACTION  
IS TAKEN TO EMBARRASS BIRD GOVERNMENT.

4. DESPITE THE PRESSURE BY SRC I PREFER TO BE  
ADEQUATELY INFORMED AS TO WHAT SRC IS UP TO BEFORE I  
MAKE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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